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1. On about 20 January 1953 the general secretaries of the East CDU and the East LDP, Gerald Goetting and Herbert Taeschner respectively, were called in separately for lengthy conferences with a Russian-German commission of which Minister of State Security Wilhelm Zaisser was a member. The committee informed each party leader that from now on the government and the Soviet administration would hold the leader of the party, not the executive or managing committees named by the party, responsible. Goetting and Taeschner are now to be in a position similar to that of Walter Ulbricht, who is responsible for the "operational leadership" of the SED. The personal responsibility of the two young general secretaries for the political attitude of their parties is the only guarantee against further "diversionist" tendencies.
2. In order to establish clear lines of responsibility a sort of "Council of General Secretaries" is to be formed. The Council is to meet every week and is to consist of the general secretaries of the SED, CDU, LDP, and NDP. At the sessions reports are to be turned in on what the individual parties have undertaken to insure the complete loyalty of all functionaries in Bezirk and Kreis organizations.
3. The general secretaries of the LDP and the CDU were ordered to hand in first of all a survey of all party members and functionaries who have been active since the founding of the party. A second survey is to list those functionaries who have resigned or have been expelled from the party. A third list is to be prepared which will give exact information on the current activities and the present addresses of former party members who fled to the West. Still another survey listing all functionaries and members who have entered the party and received posts since the founding of the German Democratic Republic is to be prepared.

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